

# **Contra Costa County Juvenile Justice/ Delinquency Prevention Commission**

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## **Meetings:**

Meetings of both Commissions are held on the third Monday of every month beginning at 5:30 pm. The location for these meetings is at 50 Douglas Drive, the second floor conference room, Martinez. The public is always welcome to attend these meetings and speak about issues relevant to the commissions activities. Meetings in January and February change Mondays due to holidays on the third Mondays

## **Commissioners:**

Selected from applicants interviewed by the current Commission Members. Those selected applicants are then approved and sworn in by the Presiding Judge of the Juvenile Court and serve a term of four years. Applications are always accepted for Commissioner vacancies and can be obtained from the Probation Department.

## Juvenile Justice Commission

### Purpose:

“To be a public conscience in the best interest of justice for children and youth”. Section 229 of the Welfare and Institutions Code mandates County Juvenile Justice Commissions are to inquire into the administration of the juvenile court law in the county in which the commission serves.

The Commission is empowered to hold hearings, perform juvenile facility inspections and have access to all public administered juvenile institutions in the County. The commission is concerned with policy matters and makes recommendations to the probation department and juvenile court that it determines are appropriate, safe and beneficial to juvenile justice.

The Commission may conduct studies, including: review of essential services and budgets to ensure relevant and effective Probation Services; exploration or investigation of matters initiated by Commissioners or referred by the Juvenile Court Judge, the Probation Department, the Board of Supervisors, or citizen inquiry.

## Delinquency Prevention Commission

### Purpose:

Works closely with the Probation Staff and other youth serving agencies and organizations in the county to advance and promote delinquency prevention programs. Section 233 of the Welfare and Institutions Code enables each County to have a Delinquency Prevention Commission at the option of the Board of Supervisors. The ordinance states that the Commission shall coordinate, on a countywide basis, governmental and non-governmental activities to prevent juvenile delinquency with special emphasis on the need for family and community awareness and involvement.

### Accomplishments:

The primary objective of the Delinquency Prevention Commission is to stimulate and assist our communities to develop resources for more effective youth delinquency prevention. Those objectives are furthered through the annual Juvenile Justice Awards Program to

recognize those individuals, groups and organizations that are making a difference. The Commission also is constantly trying to expand the scope of our watch to include dependant and homeless youth.

#### Goals:

The Commission's mission is to reduce the delinquent population and keep youth out of the juvenile justice system by:

Sponsoring and participation in diversion and prevention activities that steer youth away from entering the juvenile justice system.

Supporting programs and systems that can assist youth when they need help with mental health and substance abuse issues that might lead to involvement in the juvenile justice system.

Promoting education and training for the youth who are involved in the Juvenile Justice System that they might become responsible citizens. Leaving their delinquency behind and become successful in completion of their probation as they return and live in their communities.